

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7382

Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation and)
New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid,)
for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A.)
Section 248, authorizing (1) the decommissioning)
and removal of the Bellows Falls #67 Substation,)
located at the corner of Bridge Street and)
Rockingham Street in the Village of Bellows Falls,)
Vermont, and (2) the construction of a new upgraded)
substation to be located at 47 Bridge Street in the)
Town of Rockingham, Vermont)

Entered: 12/18/2008

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ISSUED
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 248

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont ("the Board") this day found and adjudged that the proposed construction of a substation and associated transmission infrastructure, and decommissioning of the Bellows Falls #47 substation in Bellows Falls, Vermont, by Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") and National Grid, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the project shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence submitted in this proceeding.
2. Prior to commencement of construction, Petitioners must file final construction plans for approval by the Board.
3. Petitioner shall retain one or more environmental consulting firms experienced in substation removal to prepare a reclamation report or reports advising the Petitioners of the proper procedure for decommissioning the Bridge Street #67 Substation and construction of the new substation at 47 Bridge Street, including removal of the concrete oil containment facilities currently located at the new substation site. The reclamation report(s) shall at a minimum include the protocols and procedures set forth in: (a) the Tighe & Bond, Inc. March 5, 2008

Proposed Work Plan Summary for the Bridge Street #67 Substation entered as Exhibit ANR-1 in this matter and (b) the ECS/Claypoint Scope of Services and Statement of Work for the new substation site at 47 Bridge Street entered as Exhibit ANR-2 in this matter. Such reclamation report(s) also shall include any recommendations from the consultant(s) regarding which additional toxic contaminants, if any, for which the soil should be tested. The reclamation report(s) shall be filed with the Board, and copied to the Department of Public Service, the Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR"), and the Town of Rockingham Planning Commission and the other parties in this Docket; those entities may then file comments on the report(s) within 30 days. Based upon the information contained in, and any comments on, the reclamation report(s) for the Bellows Falls #67 Substation, the Board reserves the right to place further conditions on the removal of the substation. Petitioners shall not begin the removal process for Bellows Falls #67 Substation until the Board has given final approval for substation removal after reviewing the reclamation report(s) and any comments.

4. Should investigation by either Petitioner result in the need for additional or expanded investigation at either the Bellows Falls #67 Substation site or the Proposed Substation site at 47 Bridge Street, beyond what is included in the protocols and procedures identified in Condition 3, above, Petitioners shall promptly notify ANR and the Board of such need and any resulting revisions to those protocols and procedures.

5. All construction activities shall be in compliance with ANR's Low Risk Site Handbook for Soil Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control.

6. Petitioners shall file a detailed explanation as to why a switch should not be installed on the 4402 line outside National Grid's Vilas Bridge substation. The explanation shall include a detailed cost estimate for installing a switch and any impacts that a switch might have on outage duration for Bellows Falls customers and for customers in nearby areas. Although Petitioners may begin construction on the project prior to this issue being resolved, the Board retains jurisdiction to require installation of the switch if the Board determines that the reliability benefits of the switch justify its estimated costs.

7. This Certificate of Public Good shall not be transferred without prior approval of the Board.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of December, 2008.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 18, 2008

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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